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TITUSVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BANK ROBBERY

U.S. District Court Judge Gregory A. Presnell today sentenced a former bank teller, **Abbey Latasha Graham, 22**, to a term of 60 months' imprisonment in connection with the armed robbery of a Titusville First Union Bank on June 20, 2002. Graham previously had been convicted of conspiracy to commit bank robbery after a jury trial on December 6, 2002. At the conclusion of her prison sentence, Graham will be required to serve three years in a supervised release program, perform 150 hours of community service, pay a \$100 special assessment and make full restitution to the victims of the robbery.

According to the evidence presented at trial, Graham provided information in advance of the robbery to four other individuals - Harvey Johnson, 25 (Titusville); Donald Johnson, 19 (Cocoa); Dammron Mitchell, 25 (Titusville); and, Troy Henley, 24 (Titusville) - about the security procedures and currency deliveries for the bank. The information included a detailed drawing of the interior of the branch office which included the location of the bank's vault and video surveillance recording system. Donald Johnson and Troy Henley previously have entered guilty pleas to charges arising out of the robbery and have

been sentenced to federal prison. Harvey Johnson and Dammron Mitchell currently remain in custody pending their respective trials.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office for Brevard/Seminole Counties, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Titusville Police Department. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). United States Attorney Paul Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials and calling our effort "Project Safe Neighborhoods - Operation HALT the Violence!" The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Bruce S. Ambrose and Robert E. Bodnar, Jr. .